

MONTANA CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING JUNE 9, 2024

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: The dry conditions persisted, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Precipitation levels were, once again, in a range of about 0.3 to 0.9 inch below normal for most of the State, according to data from the High Plains Regional Climate Center (HPRCC). Moisture levels were slightly higher in isolated portions of the northwest, and in far southern parts of Beaverhead, Madison, and Gallatin Counties. Temperatures varied, running about 2-4 degrees below average in parts of northern Montana, and 2-6 degrees above average in the south. Parts of the southwest experienced temperatures as high as 8 degrees above normal. The amount of land rated drought free was unchanged from the previous week at 44 percent, according to the U.S. Drought Monitor report released June 6. Abnormal dry conditions were also unchanged, sitting at 19 percent. Moderate drought conditions increased slightly by 3 percentage points to 33 percent. Severe drought fell to almost 5 percent, down from 8 percent the previous week. Powder River and Richland Counties reported grasshoppers were prevalent in some fields. Valley County was also dealing with grasshoppers. Second and third instar grasshoppers were found in some areas. Furthermore, a lot of flea beetle damage was seen in canola fields.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alfalfa hay				
1 st cutting harvested.....	4	NA	NA	NA
Barley				
Emerged	79	76	83	87
Booted	4	3	4	9
Canola				
Planted.....	83	82	81	84
Emerged	74	45	68	58
Corn				
Planted.....	76	50	85	84
Emerged	54	25	65	56
Dry edible beans				
Planted.....	93	92	93	92
Emerged	79	57	87	61
Dry peas				
Emerged	92	70	85	81
Durum wheat				
Emerged	97	82	68	63
Flaxseed				
Planted.....	95	90	89	82
Emerged	75	57	71	52
Lentils				
Emerged	77	51	79	76
Mustard seed				
Emerged	95	76	85	67
Oats				
Planted.....	93	92	92	NA
Emerged	82	71	82	76
Booted	12	5	NA	NA
Other hay				
1 st cutting harvested.....	2	NA	NA	NA
Safflower				
Planted.....	48	39	74	68
Emerged	28	20	34	33
Spring wheat				
Planted.....	97	94	93	97
Emerged	89	77	86	87
Booted	2	--	9	7
Sugarbeets				
Planted.....	55	42	42	NA
Emerged	21	11	12	61
Winter wheat				
Booted	72	70	77	59
Headed	27	12	25	12
Cattle and calves				
Moved to pasture	79	77	89	NA
Sheep and lambs				
Moved to pasture	78	77	85	NA

NA – not available
 (--) – zero

DAYS SUITABLE FOR FIELDWORK AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION

	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
Days suitable for field work	6.5	6.3	5.1	5.6
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	7	3	1	7
Short	43	44	12	24
Adequate.....	49	52	81	65
Surplus.....	1	1	6	4
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	7	7	3	15
Short	45	44	22	23
Adequate.....	47	48	73	61
Surplus.....	1	1	2	1

NA – not available
 (–) – zero

CROP, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION

Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Barley				
Very poor	--	1	1	4
Poor	--	8	8	11
Fair.....	32	24	53	30
Good	67	62	37	46
Excellent	1	5	1	9
Canola				
Very poor	--	NA	NA	NA
Poor	--	NA	NA	NA
Fair.....	60	NA	NA	NA
Good	40	NA	NA	NA
Excellent	--	NA	NA	NA
Dry peas				
Very poor	--	NA	1	2
Poor	--	NA	3	7
Fair.....	37	NA	51	43
Good	63	NA	45	47
Excellent	--	NA	--	1
Durum wheat				
Very poor	--	--	1	NA
Poor	1	1	1	NA
Fair.....	48	57	64	NA
Good	51	42	34	NA
Excellent	--	--	--	NA
Lentils				
Very poor	--	NA	1	1
Poor	--	NA	2	6
Fair.....	34	NA	50	41
Good	66	NA	47	51
Excellent	--	NA	--	1
Pasture and range				
Very poor	3	4	2	12
Poor	11	14	11	16
Fair.....	38	45	53	30
Good	28	25	34	38
Excellent	20	12	--	5
Spring wheat				
Very poor	--	--	1	3
Poor	5	4	4	8
Fair.....	34	43	47	33
Good	61	52	48	53
Excellent	--	1	--	3
Winter wheat				
Very poor	--	--	1	5
Poor	6	9	7	13
Fair.....	51	42	47	30
Good	31	33	44	38
Excellent	12	16	1	14

¹Current conditions for Dry Edible Beans, Flaxseed, and Oats are available using the QuickStats on-line database at:

https://www.nass.usda.gov/Quick_Stats/

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 (–) – zero